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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The trade sentiment for whole body hens and toms steady to weak. Sales reported on frozen whole birds generally mixed and range unchanged to lower. Fresh sales continue for December deliveries. Supplies of frozen whole birds mixed but generally available. Parts and meats trading light to moderate as most buyers remain cautious.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand slow to moderate. Trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen MST for December deliveries and on a light volume of tom drums. Some whole body turkeys traded for export 74 cents for hens delivered to the port and 68 cents for toms.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 30, 2000**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-78	78	78.00	320	-	-	-	200	DEC
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	73-75	74.41	340	-	-	-	40	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	DEC
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-69	65-69	67.79	215	-	-	-	40	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	74	74.00	480	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71.5-77.5	71.5-77.5	75.50	180	-	-	-	280	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	65-68	68	68.00	240	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65-69.5	69.5	69.50	20	-	-	-	120	DEC
WESTERN REGION	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DECEMBER 01, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF NOVEMBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	75.60	73.30	73.00	EASTERN REGION	79.58	78.74	78.99
CENTRAL REGION	74.79	76.25	74.29	CENTRAL REGION	78.54	77.57	77.86
WESTERN REGION	76.60**	79.25**	77.00	WESTERN REGION	80.08	78.44	78.55
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	68.00	73.50	69.70**	EASTERN REGION	72.88	74.81	73.05
CENTRAL REGION	67.94	71.50	68.36	CENTRAL REGION	71.68	73.37	72.26
WESTERN REGION	68.70**	71.88**	69.20**	WESTERN REGION	72.23	74.21	72.65

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	86-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	104-129

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 04-DEC-2000

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	82.50	60	77.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	82.50	60	77.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		20		20

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

OCTOBER 496,748*
NOVEMBER 1-25, 2000 380,830*

To date 2000 4,832,305*
To date 1999 4,669,804*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 25-Nov-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>		<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL TKY</u>	
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD—</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	467	-56	21.41	(A)	(A)	469 21.41
S ATL	414	-59	28.63	(A)	(A)	416 28.63
N CENT	1,437	-46	30.08	(A)	(A)	1,440 30.08
S CENT	268	-64	22.50	(A)	(A)	270 22.50
WEST	366	-51	23.32	(A)	(A)	268 23.32
U.S.TOTAL	2,952(B)-53		26.98	0	11	2,963 26.98
TO DATE						
2000	231,084(B)			166	1,189	232,439
TO DATE						
1999	229,912(B)			55	1,691	231,658

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 41,000; for the year 1,574,000; last year to date 717,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 25-Nov-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,133	1,778	41	11	2,963
AVG WT	15.25	34.53	23.80	27.88	26.98
LAST WEEK	2,678	3,100	33	0	5,811
YR AGO	3,289	(B)	21	46	3,356
AVG WT	26.89	(B)	27.62	26.15	27.03
TO-DATE/2000	229,676	(B)	1,574	1,189	232,439
TO-DATE/1999	229,250	(B)	717	1,691	231,658

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 30 NOVEMBER 2000.

The undertone was steady to barely steady on 4-8 lb. breasts. Demand light to instances fair. Trading moderately light. Offerings of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts ranged adequate to fully adequate. Grade A 4-8 lb. breast offerings ranged light to instances fully adequate, mostly light to adequate with some spot availability of packer labels noted at lower trending price levels. Bulk parts undertone was mostly steady. Some spot tom drum export trading was noted at lower trending price levels. Offerings of tom necks and tails light at best, 2-joint wings adequate to fully adequate with the balance of parts mostly adequate.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	97.00		97.00	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	28.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	29.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	25.00	70
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	24.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		W	22.67	90
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	156.00		156.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	171.18	220
THIGH MEAT		W	74.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	70.00		70.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	125.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	115.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	152.00		152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	170.00		170.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	58.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	19.67	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	188
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.00	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.79	364
TAILS		W	22.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.50-73.00		72.64	144

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Undertone steady to barely steady on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, thigh meat steady at best. Demand light to fair on breast meat, tenderloins and thigh meat with offerings in a full range. The 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) undertone was mixed, but mostly steady. Four containers frozen -60 days age MST traded at 20 cents delivered West for export. Demand ranged from slow in the West on MST to fair to good for the balance of the country. Offerings in a full range with the Midwest and East the best balanced. Domestic trading for December shipments centered on fair volumes of frozen destrapped tenderloins, Fresh MST and on a moderately light volume of fresh tom breast meat. Export trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen MST for December deliveries and on a light volume of tom drums.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	101.00-105.00	R	102.60	100	102.60	100
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/			154.00	40	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	97.00		97.00	40	97.00	360
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00-29.00		25.80	87	26.03	97
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00-26.00		25.50	80	25.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	27.00-28.00		27.75	12	28.71	52
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-28.00		25.30	92	25.17	162
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	25.00-27.00		25.55	11	25.55	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	8	24.33	48
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	21.00-25.00		21.60	167	21.97	257
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	160.00		160.00	160	158.29	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.00-172.00		171.60	300	170.16	863
THIGH MEAT	70.00-71.00		70.50	80	71.20	100
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	70.00-71.00		70.75	80	70.50	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	118.00		118.00	80	120.33	120
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00-113.00		112.33	120	112.71	140
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00		150.00	440	150.07	560
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	170.00		170.00	20	169.58	144
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	59.00		59.00	120	58.60	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00-26.00		23.50	80	23.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.09	460	17.74	1,276

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00	W	25.00	208	25.29	728
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00-24.50		21.50	156	23.93	508
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.50		25.50	108	25.72	472
TAILS			22.67	120	22.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00-25.00		23.73	848	24.18	1,396
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	71.00		71.00	80	72.57	304

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